Delaware Invasive Species Council annual meeting on Oct. 19 at Del. Ag. Museum



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The <u>Delaware Invasive Species Council (DISC)</u>, a non-profit organization dedicated to limiting the introduction and spread of non-native and invasive plant and animal species, has adopted an election year theme for its annual meeting and conference on Oct. 19 at the <u>Delaware Agricultural Museum</u> in Dover (866 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901).

This year's <u>conference agenda</u> will explore the ways that land and natural resource managers, conservationists, and others that want their voices heard are keeping up with the fight on invasive species by voting them out! Registration opens at 8:30 am and the conference will kick off at 9:00 am. Lunch and an annual membership are included in the registration fee of

\$40.00 (\$20.00 for students).

Click here for **Eventbrite** registration link

The annual meeting covers a full range of invasive species, including aquatic and terrestrial plants, animals and pathogens that impact native species and threaten Delaware's natural resources, economy, an quality of life. According to the <u>National Invasive Species Management Plan (NISMP)</u>, "invasive species are alien (non-native) species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health."

Ashley Peebles, trainer-educator with the Delaware Forest Service and current chair of DISC, believes that everyone can do their part to help.

"We know here in Delaware we must stay diligent in the fight against invasive species. The annual meeting is when government agencies, private land managers, and business owners come together in a day of professional development centered around a shared enemy and common goal. This year we want to extend that conversation and cement partnerships at the DISC Member Connection Session at Fraizer's Restaurant immediately following the meeting. 2016 has been a great year for DISC and we want to continue to build on this momentum. I hope everyone can join us!"



2016 DISC Annual Meeting Agenda Delaware Agriculture Museum Wednesday, October 19, 2016

WHEN INVASIVE SPECIES LOSE.... DELAWARE WINS!

8:30	Registration & Networking - The Barn Gallery	
9:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks - Ashley Peebles, DISC President - South Gallery	
Session Title	Life After Restoration South Gallery	
9:15	Mirror Lake – Brittany Sturgis, DNREC Watershed Assessment and Greg Gagliano, Red Tail Restoration	
9:45	Not Your Father's Tax Ditch – Matt Grabowski, DNREC Drainage Program	
10:15	Management of Mt. Cuba – Nate Shampine, Mt. Cuba Center	
10:45	Break, Poster, and Networking Session Barn Gallery	
11:00	Pesticide Application – Art Gover, Penn State University Extension South Gallery	
12:00	Lunch and DISC Business Meeting (beginning at 12:30) - South End	
Session Title:	Protection & Prevention South Gallery	Controlling Invasives Meeting Room
1:00	Pollinator Protection Plan - Faith Kuehn, Del. Department of Agriculture	Controlling Hydrilla - Blake Moore, Del. Department of Agriculture
1:30	iMap/Didymo - Matthew Shank, Susquehanna River Basin Commission	Status of Emerald Ash Borer – Stephen Hauss, Del. Department of Agriculture
2:00	Field Decontamination - Holly Niederriter, DNREC Fish and Wildlife	Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Update- Matt Sarver and Aquatic Regional Update - Edna Stetzer, DNREC Fish and Wildlife
2:30	Break, Poster, and Networking Session Barn Gallery	
3:00	Pesticide Demonstration - Art Gover, PSU Extension West Lawn and Historic Village	
4:00	DISC Members Connection Session at Frazier's Restaurant: 4:00 – 7:00PM Join us for a special networking event for DISC members* following the Annual Meeting at Fraizer's Restaurant in downtown Dover! Network with fellow invasive species professionals on Frazier's outdoor patio, which overlooks the adjacent Mirror Lake Restoration Project, while enjoying some complimentary hors d'oeuvres! We hope you will join us to relax after a full and informative meeting! Food available from 4 - 7 PM at Frazier's Restaurant and Bar, 9 East Loockerman Street, Dover. *Membership is included with annual meeting registration	